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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein the latch devices comprise beveled contact surfaces such that in the presence of a force acting on the cover in an opening direction, the latch devices are bent into an opening position.
3. (Previously presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein the hinge devices and the latch devices are identically shaped and are disposed at identical, symmetrical sites on the cover such that the cover is adapted to open toward either of two sides, as desired.
4. (Previously presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein the hinge devices are constructed such that they can be released from the frame by a force directed substantially perpendicular to the opening direction.
5. (Previously presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein the frame and the cover define seating surfaces constructed and disposed such that said seating surfaces are in engagement with one another when the cover is closed.
6. (Previously presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein an edge of at least one of the cover and the frame is adapted to receive a releasing tool therein.

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7. (Previously presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein at least one of the cover and the frame define on an openable side thereof that is adapted to receive placement of a releasing tool therein.

8. (Previously presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein the cover is comprised of cast iron.

9. (Previously presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein the cover is comprised of spherical graphite cast iron.

10. (Currently amended) Cover arrangement for a surface drainage device or similar hollow body that is adapted to be installed in the ground and to be opened, comprising:
a frame adapted for installation in the ground and defining a plurality of bearing recesses;

a cover releasably insertable into the frame;

said frame and said cover together including hinge devices that retain the cover in the frame and enable the cover to be pivoted upward in an opening direction out of the frame and including latch devices which lock the cover to the frame, at least one of the hinge devices and at least one of the latch devices having flexible cast rods that are integrally connected to the cover, said flexible cast rods including projections insertable in the bearing recesses of the frame.

11. (Previously presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein the cover has a core and the flexible cast rods each have at least one first leg parallel to the pivot axis of the cover, said at least one first leg attaching the respective flexible cast rod to said core, each of said flexible cast rods also each having a second leg in unity with the at least one first leg and perpendicular to the pivot axis of the cover, said flexible cast rods being flexible in a direction approximately parallel with the pivot axis.

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12. (Currently amended) Cover arrangement for a surface drainage device or similar hollow body that is adapted to be installed in the ground and to be opened, comprising:
a frame adapted for installation in the ground and defining a plurality of bearing recesses; and
a cover releasably insertable into the frame,
said frame and said cover together including hinge devices that retain the cover in the frame and enable the cover to be pivoted upward in an opening direction out of the frame and including latch devices which lock the cover to the frame, at least one of the hinge devices and the latch devices having flexible cast rods that are integrally connected to the cover, said flexible cast rods including projections insertable in the bearing recesses of the frame,
wherein the cover has a core and the flexible cast rods each have at least one first leg parallel to the pivot axis of the cover, said at least one first leg attaching the respective flexible cast rod to said core, each of said flexible cast rods also each having a second leg in unity with the at least one first leg and perpendicular to the pivot axis of the cover, said flexible cast rods being flexible in a direction approximately parallel with the pivot axis, and
~~according to Claim 10,~~ wherein the frame and the cover are each substantially rectangular, wherein each of the hinge devices and the latch devices include flexible cast rods, wherein the flexible cast rods of the hinge devices and the flexible cast rods of the latch devices are located at corners of the frame and cover, and wherein the flexible cast rods of the hinge devices are symmetrical to one another and the flexible cast rods of the latch devices are symmetrical to one another.